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1. I HAVE UNAVOIDABLY MET A NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE
SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE PALAIS AS I
PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PRO-
TECTION OF MINORITIES. THESE DELEGATES, BY AND LARGE,
HAVE SPOKEN OF THE U.S. ABSENCE MORE IN SORROW THAN IN
ANGER. THEIR ATTITUDE IS PERHAPS EPITOMIZED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS' STATEMENT TO ME - "WHILE I CAN
UNDERSTAND YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING,
IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT FIND A WAY
CLEAR TO BRING HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE."

2. IN FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS' STATEMENT TO THE CONFER-
ENCE ON WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, AND OBVIOUSLY ALLUDING TO
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THE U.S., HE SAID, QUOTE - WE CAN EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE
TO THE DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
BY GUIDING AND COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS AND BY STIMULATING
EACH OTHER TO ADOPT THOSE POLICIES THAT WILL ENSURE
EQUALITY, DIGNITY, AND FREEDOM FOR ALL OF OUR PEOPLES.
IN THE FORMULATION OF MEASURES TO COMBAT RACISM WE SHOULD
BE REALISTIC AND PRAGMATIC. WE SHOULD SEEK TO ACCENTUATE

THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH WILL UNITE US IN OUR COMMON CAUSE
AND NOT INSIST UPON THOSE FACTORS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO
DIVIDE US. IF NOT WE WILL ONLY HINDER OUR PROGRESS AND
DELAY THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR JUST ASPIRATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. CONTINUING, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID QUOTE - OUR
GREATEST STRENGTH LIES IN OUR COLLECTIVE ACTION. IN DE-
VISING A STRATEGY WE MUST SEEK TO GET THE MAXIMUM SUPPORT
ESPECIALLY OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN A PREFERRED POSITION FOR
THEY HAVE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER TO INFLUENCE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. END QUOTE.

4. FULL TEXT OF DENNIS' STATEMENT IS BEING SENT TO
EMBASSY MONROVIA AND DEPARTMENT CARE OF AF/W ROGER HART
AND IO/DAS GEORGE DALLEY. SORENSON

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